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Upcoming Events:

Acadiana Diversity JOB FAIR

August 20 , 9am - Noon

Ramada, Lafayette
For more info,
Call 262-5353

ASHRM Presents –

Building a Better Business:
It's Peoplework - Not
Paperwork

Wednesday, July 8

11:30am @ River Oaks,
Napoleon Room



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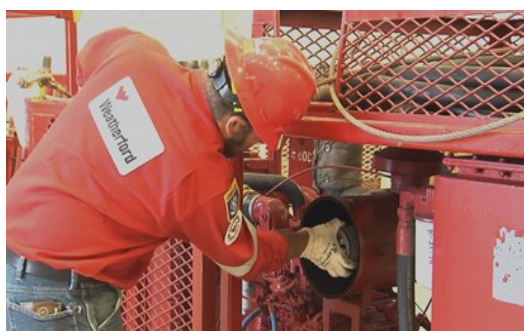
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As reported in the October 2014 edition of *The Pulse*, the Lafayette Parish School System (LPSS) partnered with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) and the Lafayette Workforce Investment Board to develop a series of videos highlighting demand occupations in the Acadiana Region. The series is now completed and is expected to be placed on the Lafayette Parish School Systems website by early August. The videos cover a wide variety of occupations.

Rachel Murray, Area Human Resource Manager (LA Gulf Coast) with Weatherford, says, "As an employer in Acadiana, it's exciting to see such a great collaborative effort to bring information to students in the community. The videos will be a great resource for our students and they were fun to make too!"



Ryan LaGrange, Manager of Workforce Development for LEDA states, "The occupational videos afford students and parents the opportunity to learn about well-paid careers and jobs that can be found right here in Acadiana. Career awareness tools are extremely important for students and parents to make vital decisions about their future educational path."



To preview a highlight of the video series, please visit <http://www.creativevideo.tv/portfolio.html> and click on the Play Arrow  under "I CAN DO THAT HIGHLIGHT" on the right side of the page.

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**Acadiana's
—Unemployment Rate—
May 2015**

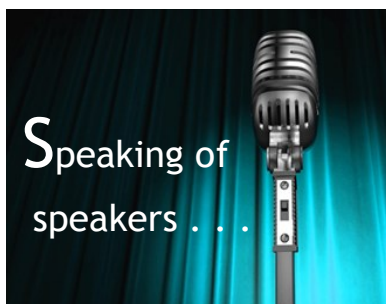
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St. Mary - 7.4
Vermilion - 6.8

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- ★ New Hires
- ★ Human Resource Support
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To schedule a presentation, or for more information, contact
Missy Grimm at 225-276-9731 or mgrimm@lwc.la.gov.



. . . Are you an employer interested in appearing as a guest speaker? A **Career Networking Event**, held for job seekers, is a way for employers to address a variety of topics relevant for jobseekers in today's economy.

Effective job searching, the application process, and job retention are a few of the topics that can be discussed. Occurring every other Wednesday, we

welcome the opportunity for employers to get involved or connect with prospective job seekers.

Career Networking Events

are held at the Lafayette Business and Career Solutions Center located at 706 E. Vermilion Street in Lafayette. You can contact Cassandra Large at

337-262-5601, or for more information, click on the Facebook link.



<https://www.facebook.com/LBCSC>



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The **Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)** has enhanced the process by creating a website for employers to register. Go to:

<https://www.laworks.net/wotc/Default.aspx>

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The veteran population in the Lafayette region is regularly aided through the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), and it is probably larger than you might imagine. A report from the LWC system (that scanned January 1st through June 1st of 2015) revealed that **284** veterans utilized Helping Individuals Reach Employment (HIRE) for career services.

One such veteran, [Henri Quereau](#), worked with the LWC staff and utilized the Job Driven National Emergency Grant (JD-NEG) 'On-The-Job Training' program. Not only was Henri able to find employment with Kheiron Safety Services, but he also acted as a speaker at a **Career Networking Event** (see '*Speaking of speakers ...*', page 2) in order to explain how the program can effectively work for jobseekers.

[Shane Istre](#), CEO of Kheiron, was also aided by the JD-NEG grant. An article from the Daily Advertiser quotes Istre saying, "His (Henri's) résumé was intimidating. We're a small, new company. We didn't think we'd be able to afford to hire someone with his experience. Without this grant, we wouldn't have been able to build this position and hire him."



[Shane Istre](#) and [Henri Quereau](#) (far right), speak at a *Networking Event* at the Lafayette Business & Career Solutions Ctr.

Many experienced, motivated veterans like Quereau are currently looking for work and are being aided by the JD-NEG grant. Please contact your local Business and Career Solutions Center to see how our local veterans can be a valuable resource to your business.



LEDA's 20th annual job fair, the premier job recruitment event in Acadiana, was held on May 14. With **111 businesses represented**, and **over 2700 job seekers attending**, it was another huge success. LEDA's one-day job fair has proven to be a cost-effective solution to help employers' hiring goals.

Need to HOST an Upcoming Job Fair?



Employers, our facilities are available to hold **Job Fairs**, conduct **Interviews**, and hold **Training Sessions**, as well as other possibilities. Contact your local Business & Career Solutions Center to find out what services can be provided in your area.